

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Applicants note that the present claim amendments are based on the claims as pending after entry of the preliminary amendment filed on November 16, 2005. A subsequent preliminary amendment was filed on November 14, 2007, but the claim amendments were inadvertently based on the claims as filed in the PCT application and did not take into account the amendments provided in the preliminary amendment filed on November 16, 2005. Therefore, Applicants believe the subsequent preliminary amendment was improper and have presented the amendments herein to insert the sequence identification numbers associated with each listed sequence.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, the following species:

- (A) compounds comprising a GPG peptide sequence; and
- (B) compounds in which the terminator is a ω -amino fatty acid.

Applicants identify claims 1-3, 7, 8, 9, and 11-12 as encompassing subject matter related to the elected species. This election is made expressly without waiver of Applicants' right to continue prosecution and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

Applicants traverse the requirement for election of a specific species of peptide sequence (species election A) on the basis that a search for a GPG peptide sequence would identify a GPGR, a GPGRA, and a GPGRAF peptide sequence. Therefore, rejoinder of these three species with the elected GPG species would not place an undue search burden on the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for species election between GPG, GPGR, GRGRA, and GPGRAF be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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